

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 6-17, and 20-24 were pending in the above-identified application. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have proposed amended claim 21 to be in independent form. Claims 1, 3, 6-17, and 20-24 therefore remain pending and under examination. Because this is a supplemental amendment, entry of the amendment is at the discretion of the Examiner. However, the amendment merely restructures claim 21 to be in independent form, and does not raise any new issues or entail the need for further search on the part of the Examiner.

Entry of the amendment is within the discretion of the Examiner and is respectfully requested. In view of the above-described amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1, 3, 6-17, and 20-24 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests same. The Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below if there are any questions regarding the amendments or remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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